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TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER PARTICIPATION IN AMA DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Region	Food Stamp Program		Direct Distribution:	School Lunch
			Program	Program
	Participation	Blue Stamp Issuance	Participation	Participation
Northeast	624,085	\$2,108,117.00	415,560	607,171
South	318,334	749,299.00	739,418	769,944
Great Lakes	336,948	1,111,158.00	327,092	268,899
Midwest	319,545	918,787.50	68,064	224,140
Southwest	456,001	1,134,622.50	219,405	151,103
Rocky Mountain	109,567	295,345.50	15,250	46,325
Pacific Coast	170,381	591,846.50	10,709	184,715
Caribbean Area	4,430	8,146.50	493,217	86,572
Total	2,339,291	\$6,917,322.50	2,288,715	2,338,869

SUMMARY

In September, 4.6 million persons in family groups, including 503,000 persons in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hawaii, participated in AMA family food programs; 2.3 million children participated in the School Lunch Program. Food distributed: 168.5 million pounds valued at 11.1 million dollars.

1. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 2.3 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 12.6 million dollars; blue stamps, 6.9 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$2.96. Food purchased with blue stamps, 120 million pounds.
2. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. Participation: 2.3 million persons in family groups; 477,000 persons in institutions and special groups. Food distributed: 28.1 million pounds valued at 2.1 million dollars.
3. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 2.3 million children in 26,000 schools. Foods distributed: 20.4 million pounds valued at 2.1 million dollars.
4. SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM. Participation: 4,500 schools, 1 million children.

### The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. The Food Stamp Program was in operation in 1,470 counties and 88 city areas in September. 81 million persons, 61.6 per cent of the total United States population, live in operating areas. Of 3,556,000 eligible persons, 2,339,000 or 66 per cent participated. This was a decline of 135,000 persons from the total participating in August.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Of \$6,917,000 in blue stamp issuance, \$352,000 less than in August, the Northeast received 30.5 per cent; the South 10.8 per cent; the Great Lakes Region 16.1 per cent; the Midwest 13.3 per cent; the Southwest 16.4 per cent; the Rocky Mountain Region 4.3 per cent; and the Pacific Region 8.5 per cent.

The month of September continues the steady downward trend registered in participation and blue stamp issuance throughout recent months, and represents a decline from September of last year of 35 per cent in participation and of 28 per cent in blue stamp issuance. Recertification of caseloads, the war and war production are the principal factors accounting for the decline.

A study of the categorical composition of current caseloads reveals that persons receiving Social Security benefits comprise 41 per cent of the total number of persons participating in the Blue Stamp Program during September; persons receiving General Assistance constituted 28 per cent of the September participation; Non-Assistance, 17 per cent; and WPA 14 per cent. Categorical information by Regions is shown in Table 4.

Average per capita blue stamp issuance was \$2.96 in September, an increase of 2 cents over August. Orange stamp issuance in September: 12.6 million dollars, \$5.42 per capita, a decline of \$665,500 from August. "Free blue" issuance: \$7,600 to 6,200 persons, \$1.22 per capita, a decline of \$1,300 and 1,200 persons from August.

BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. September purchases in the continental United States: 120 million pounds, valued at 6.9 million dollars. Butter was dropped from the blue stamp list on September 1, causing a major change in the pattern of blue stamp money spent for commodities: eggs changed from 20.7 per cent of the total to 25.3 per cent; cereals and flour from 16.4 to 23.4 per cent; vegetables from 28.8 to 41.5 per cent; and fruits from 16.7 to 9.9 per cent.

Blue stamp money expended during the month decreased 4.8 per cent from August, total quantity of food increased 19.4 per cent, also a result of the removal of butter from the blue stamp list.

BLUE STAMPS ISSUED TO EDUCATIONAL AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. Issuance of blue stamps to Educational and Demonstration Projects was reported by four regions in September. The South issued \$590 to such projects; the Southwest \$686; the Rocky Mountain Region \$44; and the Pacific Region \$145; a total of \$1,465 for the month.



TABLE 2. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, SEPTEMBER 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Percent of Certified : Participating	This Month	Cumulative : This Fiscal : Year	Average Per Person
TOTAL	3,556,126	2,339,291	66	\$6,917,322.50	\$21,866,434.75	\$2.96
<u>NORTHEAST</u>	<u>1,042,163</u>	<u>624,085</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>2,108,117.00</u>	<u>6,702,843.00</u>	<u>3.38</u>
Connecticut	6,672	4,365	64	16,803.00	56,006.50	3.85
Delaware	2,895	1,544	53	4,536.00	15,041.50	2.94
Maine <sup>1</sup>	46,673	29,567	63	72,080.00	229,618.50	2.44
Maryland	25,755	6,006	23	18,096.00	57,957.50	3.01
Massachusetts	115,141	64,565	56	227,850.00	724,170.00	3.53
New Hampshire	12,229	10,232	84	34,408.50	106,451.00	3.36
New Jersey	34,529	23,947	69	92,045.00	289,437.00	3.84
New York	481,366	366,905	76	1,298,922.00	4,197,239.50	3.54
Pennsylvania	294,174	104,971	36	305,544.00	896,527.00	2.91
Rhode Island	19,536	10,061	51	32,201.00	111,333.50	3.22
Vermont	2,961	1,982	67	5,631.50	17,059.00	2.84
<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>400,228</u>	<u>318,334</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>749,299.00</u>	<u>2,303,422.00</u>	<u>2.35</u>
Alabama	26,867	22,123	82	48,327.50	151,986.50	2.18
Florida	75,945	53,215	70	149,035.50	466,338.00	2.80
Georgia	44,640	34,044	76	84,036.00	256,001.00	2.47
Kentucky	29,390	23,591	80	59,180.50	183,367.50	2.51
Mississippi	85,024	73,055	86	144,017.50	433,821.50	1.97
North Carolina	52,650	43,384	82	96,319.50	292,725.50	2.22
South Carolina	17,406	13,050	75	28,861.50	89,765.50	2.21
Tennessee	56,355	46,318	82	116,062.50	356,821.00	2.51
Virginia	11,871	9,554	80	23,458.50	72,595.50	2.46
<u>GREAT LAKES</u>	<u>506,303</u>	<u>336,948</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>1,111,158.00</u>	<u>3,464,131.25</u>	<u>3.30</u>
Illinois	124,637	101,632	82	382,942.00	1,164,742.25	3.76
Indiana	21,670	11,574	55	34,401.50	113,799.00	2.87
Michigan	160,837	91,450	57	285,495.50	908,537.00	3.12
Ohio	132,365	92,810	70	283,133.00	886,285.50	3.05
Wisconsin	61,041	34,254	56	112,510.50	350,950.50	3.28
Kentucky (2 cos.)	5,523	4,628	84	12,675.50	39,817.00	2.74
<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>484,547</u>	<u>319,545</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>918,787.50</u>	<u>2,990,943.00</u>	<u>2.88</u>
Iowa	59,453	45,373	77	130,956.00	448,264.50	2.87
Kansas	68,460	51,631	58	148,569.50	463,000.50	2.88
Minnesota	150,162	100,055	67	308,964.50	979,797.00	3.09
Missouri	89,999	52,059	58	133,721.50	439,911.50	2.57
Nebraska	38,214	32,248	84	95,336.50	313,532.00	2.96
North Dakota	26,141	16,050	73	48,884.50	171,138.00	2.57
South Dakota	32,115	18,829	59	52,355.00	175,299.50	2.78
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>565,438</u>	<u>456,061</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>1,134,622.50</u>	<u>3,582,505.00</u>	<u>2.49</u>
Arkansas	61,538	59,975	74	155,669.00	496,647.00	2.60
Louisiana	83,436	74,926	90	160,707.50	495,051.50	2.14
Oklahoma	125,232	106,830	85	258,614.00	778,281.50	2.42
Texas	295,232	214,262	73	559,632.00	1,812,525.00	2.61
<u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>220,562</u>	<u>109,567</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>295,245.50</u>	<u>937,005.00</u>	<u>2.70</u>
Colorado	56,420	29,751	53	86,371.00	272,121.00	2.90
Idaho	42,584	15,928	37	41,716.50	126,634.00	2.62
Montana	37,008	18,905	51	53,243.00	169,641.00	2.82
New Mexico	41,611	23,613	57	51,197.00	165,540.50	2.15
Utah	34,450	16,185	47	49,540.50	161,919.50	3.06
Wyoming	8,489	4,985	59	13,277.50	41,149.00	2.66
<u>PACIFIC</u>	<u>309,480</u>	<u>170,381</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>591,846.50</u>	<u>1,860,307.00</u>	<u>3.47</u>
Arizona	31,324	19,132	62	53,252.50	165,705.00	2.78
California	143,911	79,340	55	280,807.00	881,020.00	3.54
Nevada	3,493	1,308	37	4,226.00	12,731.00	3.23
Oregon	41,636	20,896	50	68,096.00	215,200.00	3.26
Washington	89,416	49,705	56	185,465.00	585,651.00	3.73
<u>VIRGIN ISLANDS</u>	<u>7,405</u>	<u>4,430</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>8,146.50</u>	<u>25,278.50</u>	<u>1.84</u>

<sup>1</sup> August figures.

TABLE 3. ESTIMATED VALUE, DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES, AND QUANTITY OF COMMODITIES.  
PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.  
SEPTEMBER 1942

Commodity	Unit	Quantity <sup>/1</sup>	Value	Percent of Total Value
- - - In Thousands - - -				
Eggs	Doz. <sup>/2</sup>	4,139	\$1,746	25.27
White Flour	Lb.	29,082	1,270	18.38
Graham Flour	Lb.	311	17	.24
Corn Meal	Lb.	6,623	252	3.65
Hominy Grits	Lb.	1,675	76	1.10
Total Cereals	Lb.	37,691	1,615	23.37
Dry Beans	Lb.	4,737	422	6.11
Cabbage	Lb.	7,024	205	2.97
Carrots	Lb.	2,752	137	1.98
Lettuce	Lb.	2,236	197	2.85
Potatoes	Lb.	22,300	698	10.10
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	4,201	238	3.44
Tomatoes	Lb.	6,356	328	4.75
Other Vegetables	Lb.	12,352	640	9.26
Total Vegetables	Lb.	62,048	2,865	41.46
Apples	Lb.	9,029	398	5.76
Pears	Lb.	5,086	286	4.14
Total Fruits	Lb.	14,115	684	9.90
TOTAL	Lb.	120,062	6,910	100.00

<sup>/1</sup> Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution.

<sup>/2</sup> Converted to pounds in total.

Note: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. No adjustments have been made for possible loss or misuse of blue stamps. If data for individual regions are required, they may be obtained from the Economic Analysis Division.

### The Direct Distribution Program

EXTENT. Participation: 2.3 million persons in family groups, including 498,000 persons in Puerto Rico and Hawaii; 41.3 per cent of the participants in the continental United States were in the Southern Region; 23.2 per cent in the Northeast; 18.3 per cent in the Great Lakes Region; 12.3 per cent in the Southwest; 3.8 per cent in the Midwest; .8 per cent in the Rocky Mountain Region; and .3 per cent in the Pacific Region. Participation in family groups in September of last year totaled 5 million persons.

Other groups participating this month: 339,000 persons in 641 institutions and organizations; 61,000 persons in household aid and demonstration projects, NYA resident training camps, and others; 77,500 children in summer camps and recreational projects.

TABLE 4. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN BLUE STAMP PROGRAM  
BY CATEGORIES AND REGIONS, SEPTEMBER 1942  
(In Thousands)

Region	Total	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Aid to Blind	W.P.A.	General Assistance	Other Federal	Non- Assistance
Total <u>/1</u>	2,335	469	464	20	321	658	6	397
Northeast	624	30	99	1	120	329	-	45
Southern <u>/2</u>	318	66	62	4	34	19	1	132
Great Lakes	337	54	70	3	29	175	<u>/3</u>	6
Midwest	320	88	71	3	58	84	2	14
Southwest <u>/2</u>	456	136	120	7	25	13	2	153
Rocky Mt.	110	28	35	2	26	7	<u>/3</u>	12
Pacific	170	67	7	<u>/3</u>	29	31	1	35

/1 Excludes Virgin Islands. /2 General Assistance and Non-Assistance Categories include some Non-purchase participants. /3 Less than 500 persons.

TABLE 5. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM  
BY CATEGORIES AND REGIONS, SEPTEMBER 1942  
(In Thousands)

Region	Total	Old Age Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children	Aid to Blind	W.P.A.	General Assistance	Other Federal	Non- Assistance
Total <u>/1</u>	1,795	459	332	18	151	330	23	482
Northeast	417	81	102	3	33	139	10	49
Southern	739	187	91	9	66	65	3	318
Great Lakes	327	104	70	4	33	88	7	21
Midwest	68	25	18	<u>/2</u>	3	18	1	3
Southwest	219	60	46	2	16	5	1	89
Rocky Mt.	15	1	3	<u>/2</u>	<u>/2</u>	8	1	2
Pacific	10	1	2	<u>/2</u>	-	7	<u>/2</u>	<u>/2</u>

/1 Does not include Puerto Rico. /2 Less than 500.

Categorical composition of caseloads participating in the Direct Distribution Program during September: Social Security categories 46 per cent; Non-Assistance 27 per cent; General Assistance 18 per cent; WPA 8 per cent; and Other Federal programs 1 per cent.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Quantity: 26.5 million pounds to families, 1.6 million pounds to special groups. Estimated retail value for family and special groups: 2.1 million dollars. Foods distributed to approximately 50 per cent of the caseload in August (latest month for which detailed data are available) include evaporated milk, rolled oat or wheat cereal, corn meal or grits, graham flour, white flour, prunes and dry beans.

Approximate cost to the A.M.A., of foods distributed through the Direct Distribution Program: 1.2 million dollars.

#### The School Lunch Program

EXTENT. Participation: 2.3 million children in 26,000 schools, approximately 8 per cent of the total school enrollment in the United States. In September of last year 2.8 million children in 33,000 schools participated. The decline is attributed to fewer federal workers for school lunch projects, late vacation work in farm areas, and lower volume and variety in available A.M.A. foods.

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. 20.4 million pounds of food, with an estimated retail value of 2.1 million dollars were distributed to School Lunch Programs. Foods distributed to 50 per cent or more of the participating children in August were evaporated milk, oat or wheat cereal, corn meal or grits, graham flour, white flour, grapefruit juice or segments, prunes, dry beans, canned pork and beans, and canned tomatoes.

Approximate cost to the A.M.A., of foods distributed through the School Lunch Program: 1.2 million dollars.

#### The School Milk Program

School Milk programs were in operation in 795 areas by the end of September, with approximately 4,500 schools and 1 million children participating.



TABLE 6. PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN A.M.A. DOMESTIC FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS  
BY STATE, SEPTEMBER 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families receiving A.M.A. Foods				Persons in Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods Only				:Number of	
	Total	Direct	Stamp Program		Total	Direct	Stamp	;Served by		
			Number	% of					Program	School
TOTAL	4,628,006	2,288,715	2,339,291	50.5	1,374,343	975,369	398,974	2,338,869		
NORTHEAST	1,039,645	415,560	624,085	60.0	92,989	48,546	44,443	607,171		
Connecticut	14,667	10,302	4,365	29.8	1,946	1,818	128	23,466		
Delaware	3,097	1,553	1,544	49.8	-	-	-	2,223		
Dist. of Col.	13,777	13,777	-	-	2,110	2,110	-	8,590		
Maine	29,567	-	29,567	100.0	2,106	-	2,106	10,447/3		
Maryland	7,975	1,969	6,006	75.3	428	-	428	6,261		
Massachusetts	163,446	98,881	64,565	39.5	35,238	30,641	4,597	122,848		
New Hampshire	10,232	-	10,232	100.0	729	-	729	10,531		
New Jersey	77,168	53,221	23,947	31.0	3,233	1,528	1,705	72,662		
New York	433,274	66,369/1	366,905	84.7	28,004	1,581/1	26,423	157,010/3		
Pennsylvania	133,439	28,468	104,971	78.7	7,747	273	7,474	175,298		
Rhode Island	12,560	2,559	10,001	79.6	757	45	712	3,343		
Vermont	16,113	14,131	1,982	12.3	7,159	7,018	141	2,117		
West Virginia	124,330	124,330	-	-	3,532	3,532	-	12,375		
SOUTH	1,062,380	739,418	322,962/2	30.4	450,636	318,506	132,130/2	769,944		
Alabama	79,756	57,633	22,123	27.7	17,891	12,320	5,571	6,023		
Florida	175,720	122,505	53,215	30.3	112,214	83,257	28,957	56,946		
Georgia	155,596	121,552	34,044	21.9	68,517	56,845	11,772	318,308		
Kentucky	180,563	152,344	28,219/2	15.6	103,794	95,000	8,794/2	36,301		
Mississippi	97,559	24,504	73,055	74.9	58,733	13,241	45,492	8,165		
North Carolina	115,088	71,704	43,384	37.7	49,779	28,992	20,787	28,307		
South Carolina	77,607	64,557	13,050	16.8	4,030	2,497	1,533	106,839		
Tennessee	128,290	81,972	46,318	36.1	24,176	15,942	8,234	128,502		
Virginia	52,201	42,647	9,554	18.3	11,402	10,412	990	80,553		
GREAT LAKES	659,412	327,092	332,320	50.4	26,564	21,124	5,440	268,899		
Illinois	220,699	118,867	101,832	46.1	3,804	3,511	293	100,762		
Indiana	80,482	68,508/1	11,974	14.9	407	407/1	-	28,675		
Michigan	129,218	37,768	91,450	70.8	1,882	1,664	218	49,575		
Ohio	162,828	70,018	92,810	57.0	11,590	9,850	1,740	56,173		
Wisconsin	66,185	31,931	34,254	51.8	8,881	5,692	3,189	33,714		
MIDWEST	387,609	68,064	319,545	82.4	16,193	2,658	13,535	224,140		
Iowa	56,434	10,761	45,673	80.9	3,235	2,530	705	26,781		
Kansas	54,276	2,645	51,631	95.1	1,392	-	1,392	30,695		
Minnesota	100,055	-	100,055	100.0	10,506	-	10,506	58,740		
Missouri	102,881	50,822	52,059	50.6	290	8	282	77,816		
Nebraska	32,368	120	32,248	99.6	144	120	24	17,078		
North Dakota	19,146	96	19,050	99.5	527	-	527	4,533		
South Dakota	22,449	3,620	18,829	83.9	99	-	99	8,497		
SOUTHWEST	675,406	219,405	456,001	67.5	241,944	88,503	153,441	151,103		
Arkansas	102,815	42,840	59,975	58.3	39,177	13,114	26,063	22,128		
Louisiana	103,622	28,696	74,926	72.3	3,693	930	2,763	13,953		
Oklahoma	106,838	-	106,838	100.0	4,827	-	4,827	35,052		
Texas	362,131	147,869	214,262	59.2	194,247	74,459	119,788	79,970		
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	124,817	15,250	109,567	87.8	14,898	2,457	12,441	46,325		
Colorado	41,666	11,915	29,751	71.4	5,837	2,457	3,380	7,031		
Idaho	16,475	547	15,928	96.7	1,802	-	1,802	13,270		
Montana	21,326	2,421	18,905	88.6	2,148	-	2,148	3,134		
New Mexico	24,180	367	23,813	98.5	2,676	-	2,676	17,103		
Utah	16,185	-	16,185	100.0	1,839	-	1,839	1,085		
Wyoming	4,985	-	4,985	100.0	596	-	596	4,702		
PACIFIC	181,090	10,709	170,381	94.1	35,705	358	35,347	184,715		
Arizona	23,744	4,612	19,132	80.6	3,942	-	3,942	21,815		
California	79,740	400	79,340	99.5	16,459	-	16,459	102,976		
Nevada	2,027	719	1,308	64.5	273	-	273	1,272		
Oregon	20,896	-	20,896	100.0	4,344	-	4,344	7,935		
Washington	49,705	-	49,705	100.0	10,329	-	10,329	46,283		
Hawaii	4,978	4,978	-	-	358	358	-	4,434		
CARIBBEAN AREA/4	497,647	493,217	4,430	.9	495,414	493,217	2,197	86,572		
Puerto Rico	493,217	493,217	-	-	493,217	493,217	-	85,372		
Virgin Islands	4,430	-	4,430	100.0	2,197	-	2,197	1,200/3		

/1 August figures. September figures not available.

/3 Estimated.

/2 Including 2 counties in Great Lakes Region.

/4 Not included in Pacific Region totals.

